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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 067238-0115

Applicant: Atsufumi SHIBAYAMA et al.

Title: DATA PROCESSOR WITH AN IMPROVED DATA DEPENDENCE DETECTOR

Application No.:   09/994,806

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, Claims 1-36 and 49-85, drawn to a detector for detecting the possibility of presence if dependence is present in fact and allowed to detect if not present in fact, classified in class 712, subclass 216. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.
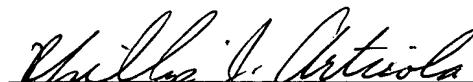
Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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